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In re Patent Application of:

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For: ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM WITH INSERTION DIRECTION CHANGING  
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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

This submission accompanies an RCE and serves as a response to the Final Office Action of March 19, 2007 issued in connection with the instant application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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\* not less than 20

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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1.  If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.  If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.  If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.  If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.